

THE CLARION.

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The Senate has gone into Executive session. The deadlock is suspended.

Mr. T. M. Farve, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Hancock county, calls a meeting of the Committee through the Handsboro Advertiser, on Thursday next, May 5th.

We are indebted to Senator George for copies of the speech of Senator Vest presenting the Democratic side of the Senatorial controversy. We have already laid before our readers this masterly argument.

SENATOR GEORGE returned home on Monday to attend to indispensable professional business in the courts. He is paired with a Republican Senator, and his absence will not weaken the Democratic column.

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The Alleged Buying Votes Matter.

Elsewhere we have printed the comments of the Natchez Democrat upon THE CLARION's article discrediting the statement of Nordhoff in the N. Y. Herald, that a Southern Senator had said: "That the price of negro votes is from \$25 cents to \$2 and \$3, as you may hear." "all over the South, and that we (the Democrats) are compelled to buy them to save our State governments." The comments of the Democrat are in the spirit of unfairness and illiberal character of that paper when it has occasion to refer to THE CLARION. We know as every reader of the N. Y. Herald knows, who its Washington correspondent is; and knowing him to be an insidious foe of the South, who, in his own smooth way leaves no opportunity to propagate false impressions about the Southern whites, we reasonably inferred that he injected the ingredient of calumny to which we referred, in the observations he had attributed to a "Southern Senator" whose name was not given. This writer, Nordhoff, came South several years ago. He was received as cordially as Gen. Woodford (who has since blossomed into a stalwart of the first flower) and had the usual good luck, and justly praised for having resisted with all his might the deficiency bills which gave the star route contractors their immense spoils. He is a member of the appropriation committee.

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The Difference in Solids.

In the Forty-first Congress, out of sixty-three Southern Representatives admitted to seats, fifty-two were Republicans, and of Southern Senators twenty-two were Republicans. The South was as solid then as it is now in the 47th Congress, but it was on the other side. In the Forty-first Congress the entire body of the white people of the South, who owned all the property and paid all the taxes, were practically without representation; yet not one word of disapproval was uttered against this monstrous wrong by press or speaker of the Republican party. Now, on vague allegations totally unsupported by respectable proof, that the colored people of two or three States are deprived of representation, the partisan press of the North is in an agony of horror and reproach. It makes all the difference in the world with the Republican agitators, which side the South is solid for. It is all wrong in the 47th Congress. The South is ready to be judged by her actions. She has had six years' experience of the solid South. The events of these Democratic years will demonstrate, as facts alone can, that the solid South means good order, absolute freedom, justice and respect for the rights of all classes in the South, and, so far as the solid South can accomplish it, concord, peace, honor and public and private faith for the whole American Union.

Prohibitionists.

There is a movement on foot now, on the part of the prohibitionists, to call a convention of themselves to consider the question of petitioning the Legislature to submit a constitutional amendment, to be voted for or against, for the purpose of excluding the liquor traffic from the State. We favor this disposition on the question, and hope it will take that turn. We think it is a laudable attempt to mix up politics with politics, and we think it likely to prove equally detrimental to the interests of the State to inject into political canvasses moral questions of this character.

By virtue of a recent constitutional amendment it presents the issue squarely and fairly.—West Point Echo.

The Hinds County Gazette makes a similar suggestion, and says that no one can reasonably oppose the proposition to submit the question directly to the people in the form of a constitutional amendment. We concur fully with our esteemed contemporaries. Let the will of the people be expressed. For popular, not dei.

Immigration.

Will THE CLARION please inform its many readers why it takes so much pains to induce a few of the many thousand immigrants who reach our shores annually to be in Mississippi? Does it not need them? Has the population diminished? While our neighboring States, Tennessee and Arkansas, are filling up with hardy immigrants, Mississippi scarcely ever gains one. She has a better climate, better lands and stronger natural inducements than any of her neighbors. Then why do they not come? We have a cause for a reply.—Austin Cotton Plant.

The world was not made in a day, and the party in Mississippi couldn't do all things at once. Nor can THE CLARION explain everything, but it will inform the Cotton Plant that measures will be taken to encourage immigration to our State from abroad.

The Proposed State Female College.

We learn from "old editor" in the Fayette Chronicle, and we have heard the same from other sources, that the county of Jefferson will donate the splendid buildings of the Female College at Fayette to the State for the proposed State Female College. This will be a princely donation, and will go far towards fixing the location at that place. No point could be more eligible. By the first of January next, Fayette will be connected by means of the N. J. & C. R. R. with the system of railroads operating in our State. It has already direct communication by rail with the Mississippi river.

Dr. J. L. CHILDS, of this county, last year planted 30 acres of land in cotton and gathered therefrom the neat little sum of nine hundred bushels and sold the same for 75 cents per bushel, amounting to \$750.00. What farmer in this county can do so well? Oktibbeha Citizen.

It would seem that Dr. Grigler is a good farmer as well as a most practical and able legislator. We hope that a fair proportion of our intelligent and public-spirited farmers will be sent to the next Legislature. They are identified with the industry from which all others draw their sustenance, and are presumed to be better informed in reference to the paramount economic questions that should claim the attention of the moulders of public policy.

The South.

THE NEW Orleans Times has the following, in which there is some poetry and a good deal of truth: "Take notice that at this present writing the South is considerable out of politics of the national partisan kind. Her main business just now is to raise the biggest possible crop of sugar, cotton, corn and the like, and get the biggest possible price therefor. She is too busy to be bothered with a war of words. She is too busy to be bothered with a war of words. She is too busy to be bothered with a war of words."

HON. F. C. McGEHEE says in his Enterprise Courier that Hon. L. B. Brown, of Clarke county, has recently been favorably mentioned as a suitable candidate for Lieutenant-Governor. The Courier don't know that Mr. Brown is a candidate but says his friends would be glad to give him a hearty support if he should be. On the line of the same road to Lie-Governor, are mentioned Hon. J. D. Bills, of Corinth, and Maj. Collins, of West Point. We also learn that Hon. T. L. Mellen, of Natchez, will be a candidate, and Hon. J. D. Shands looms up in the Northwest.

The Massachusetts Plan.

A recent article in the Atlantic Monthly, the leading New England periodical, very clearly showed that the employees in Massachusetts factories are little better than serfs, receiving pauper wages and largely deprived of educational privileges; the children being compelled to perform hard work at a tender age, and when they arrive at maturity, if males, they vote at the dictation of their employers under penalty of being thrown out of business.

HON. W. L. HENNINGWAY, Chairman, has called a meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee, on May 10, at 10 o'clock, for the State Convention, and to consider other matters of importance.

Judge R. A. Hill.

The U. S. Circuit and District Courts for the Southern District of Mississippi, convened on Monday last, Judge Hill, with his usual promptness, was on hand, and during the first day all the legal machinery for the term was put in full operation.

Judge Hill is getting along in years—three score and ten last March—and it will not be a great while before he will have the privilege of retiring, if he so elects; but he has a vast deal of judicial work in him yet, and he is so constituted that he may prefer to wear out than to rust out. In 1866, he was appointed to the position he now holds. He keeps a clear docket, and while a "strict constructionist" in matters of law, we believe it is generally conceded he has a decided leaning to equity and mercy.

During his recent visit to Washington, he was assigned by Judge Woods—owing to the sickness of Judge Erskine, the District Judge for Georgia—and the vacancy in the Circuit Judgeship—to hold the U. S. Circuit and District Courts at Atlanta, for North Georgia. He opened the courts on the second Monday in March, and continued until the second Monday in April; found forty-two defendants in jail awaiting trial, and two hundred and fifty on bond, with over one thousand witnesses summoned. Most of the charges were for running illicit distilleries, chiefly in the mountain States. The owners of the distilleries, all who worked in them, and those who sold the liquor, were prosecuted. There were also some other cases for different offenses, among them two men, brothers, for way-laying and wounding three revenue officers; these were convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for two years. Of those in jail, all were tried but one, and of the whole number there were 153 persons tried and pleaded guilty; and about 125 jury trials in ordinary cases. These Moonshiners, as they are called, are very poor and ignorant; not one among them was able to pay fine or costs; the lowest penalty was inflicted for running the distillery—one month imprisonment and \$200 fine and cost for working or laboring in the distillery; one month imprisonment for furnishing material; one month and two hundred dollars for removing the whiskey; three months and two hundred dollars and costs for selling.

Many of the parties came over 200 miles on foot, and camped out; among them were a number of women, some as defendants but mostly as witnesses. One woman had twin babies, some two months old, and another not more than 18 months. When the Judge heard the babies cry he could not stand it and ordered the cases continued at once and sent the women home. The defence set up by some was that they were members of the church and therefore could not be guilty. Just such a crowd, composed of such a crowd, has seldom met; but all promised to quit the business as they found it did not pay out well. The Judge found a most able and courteous bar, and Atlanta one of the most prosperous cities of the South.

The A. and M. College.

The Starville Times says that more than 150 students are now in the dormitory. These with the students from the town make about 225 now in attendance. 350 have matriculated this year. The present panic on account of sickness, Dr. Phares of the Faculty, thinks was unnecessary. President Lee, thinks he should take no more students this year. He has enough. The capacity of the College is only 275. This should be the limit till further accommodations are provided. Applications are daily received for admission next year. Were the accommodations sufficient 500 students would be at the College. Success, the Times says, is beyond a doubt.

The question has been asked who first introduced into our State Legislature the first bill having for its object the endowment of the A. & M. College. Our recollection is that the honor belongs to the Hon. J. B. Yellowly, of Madison, who received very poor encouragement. But subsequently, others took up the good work where he began it.

The Bay Springs Factory—Another Mississippi Enterprise.

One of the most important industries of the State is the Bay Springs Factory situated in Tishomingo county and owned by Col. John M. Nelson. It is situated about 25 miles south of Iuka and 20 miles east of Booneville. It runs about 800 spindles, makes cotton yarns, cotton rope, etc., also has a saw-boarding machine, a cotton gin, a saw and grist mill, all attached and run by water power. There is, perhaps, no other water-power in the State equal to it. It has sufficient head for two thousand spindles and fine looms and is never failing. The stream is about 160 feet wide with a solid rock bottom and solid rock banks about 30 feet high. It is in a cotton section. The Bay Springs Factory is just at its beginning. The time is near at hand when it will be one of the largest manufacturing enterprises in the South. There is no citizen of the South more capable of demonstrating that she can be a cotton growing State, than Col. Nelson.

How Did Erring Brother Key Make His Rise.

Philadelphian Times.] When Erring Brother Key went to Washington in 1877 he was too poor to wash his face. It is intimated that he retired with a snug little fortune of over a half million.

(It should be remembered that Brady was an under officer of the Erring Brother and the presumption is reasonable that Brady went snags with him.) COL. W. H. McCARDLE has announced his withdrawal from the editorial control of the Vicksburg Commercial. Nothing that we can say, will contribute to his fame as a writer and journalist. We have not always concurred with him, and recently have regretted to differ widely with him upon some essential matters of party organization, but our differences have been expressed in a mutually kind and forbearing spirit.

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CAPT. WADDELL, of the Austin Cotton Plant, was in Jackson last week when the Greenback Executive Committee was in session, and "learned from private sources that a ticket was made up for the State canvass, thusly: For Governor.....J. L. Alcorn, Secretary of State.....W. Q. Low, Auditor.....W. M. Denson, Supt. Pub. Edn.....W. W. Howze.

The balance of the names, Capt. Waddell's informant failed to catch. From other sources, we learn that Hon. J. B. Yellowly is spoken of by the factionists for Auditor; and still another rumor connects the highly distinguished name of Col. J. M. Jayne for that important position. He is not, however, in politics, and no doubt thinks the Democratic party good enough for the management of the financial issues.

The Vicksburg Commercial referring to the recent election of officers of the Vicksburg and Meridian Railroad, says that Mr. E. R. Bacon, a lawyer of distinction in New York, and a partner of Hon. Dudley Field, was made one of the new directors, and that it is their purpose to put the road in thorough repair and make it first-class in every particular. They say this can be accomplished in about nine months, and that they will run trains from there to Meridian in about five hours. The road is an essential link in the Southern line of travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The Port Gibson Reveille has information that when Gen. Martin, President of the Natchez, Jackson and Columbus Railroad, starts out to locate his line between Jackson and Columbus and to secure substantial aid and comfort from the communities interested in this grand project, he will do well to visit the flourishing and live town of Starkville, where he is much wanted and will have a cordial greeting. The General will please make a note of it, and govern himself accordingly.

Five thousand Italian immigrants, most of them Calabrians, from Southern Italy, have reached New York, this season, and 1,200 more are on their way. They are all of the peasant class, and come to avoid conscription. Traveling on isothermal lines, these Italians ought to have come directly to Mississippi or some other Southern State. We are sure they will not come to Mississippi. No steps have been taken to inform them of our cheap lands, diversified products and convenience to market.

In 1875 there were 481,821 cotton spindles in the South. The new census shows 792,138, an increase of 310,317 spindles in five years. The number of spindles in the United States in 1875 was 9,539,364. The increase in five years was 1,384,783, there being now 10,924,147 spindles in the country—nearly 20,000,000 less than the whole number of spindles in Great Britain, which number is 39,500,000.

BRADY is out in a brazen denial of any complicity in the Star route robbery. He insists that he has done only what Congress has authorized. That may be true. Everybody knows that Congress voted the money for the extra compensation. But didn't he help to form the ring? Didn't he ask Congress to vote the money; and didn't he tempt the weaker vessels with slices of the pie?

CAPT. R. L. HENDERSON, the popular Sheriff of Lauderdale, has retired from the Meridian Observer. Col. J. J. Shannon and Mr. Chas. P. Dement will continue to publish the paper. Col. Shannon is an experienced journalist, as well as lawyer, and Mr. Dement is an excellent publisher, and the two united will keep the paper up to its present high standard.

The Boston Transcript says that there will be trouble between the races of the South so long as negro is spelt with two "g's." In the estimation of the ignoramus of the Transcript, all there is a matter of orthography. After all, it is far less trouble than this intermeddler pretends to believe. What business has he with it, any way?

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NOTES, NEWS AND NOTIONS.

The Boston Herald says, "now is a good time to start independent politics in the South. The old issues are played out. Nothing remains between the old parties but traditions and prejudices." That being the case why is it not a good time to start independent politics in the North. In no event can that section be injured, but with the South, having once undergone the horrors of Republican rule, the continued existence of that party is a standing menace to its prosperity and happiness.

The class of immigrants that have been pouring into this country during the present season, is far above the average in social and material condition. A single German banking house of New York cashed drafts aggregating \$100,000 for immigrants who arrived by the three last German steamships. A steamer from France, or, perhaps, from France, had 50,000 francs in gold belted about his waist under his clothing.

As an evidence of the work that the Board of Immigration of Missouri is performing, the town of Rich Hill, Barry county, is cited. Last fall the population was 300, now it is 3,500 with an additional population of 1,500 in another new town in the immediate vicinity.

The result of the lost heat between a Democratic Congress and the fraudulent and rapacious administration of Hayes is seen in the postoffice thieves. For two years the money furnishing department of the government was in the hands of Democrats, and yet we behold the sad spectacle of a Republican administration bringing to light frauds that ought to have been detected by a Democratic Congress.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch suggests Grant for Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate in place of Riddleberg. That might do very well for Emeritus until something else turned up, but we hardly think it would fill "the measure of justice" which the Vicksburg Herald presented him.

The latest star route to wealth—A mail contract.

A negro woman was recently hanged in Virginia for murdering her husband. When the news was telegraphed the Memphis Avalanche startled the community with the announcement, "A female murderer hanged." The Avalanche should not be so reckless; what proof had it that the murderer was a female.

Where was erring brother Key when the money went out of the postoffice fund?

The Hayes administration was so good and so sweet that sugar would not melt in its mouth, but the money in the treasury melted into the pockets of the mail contractors and their backers, just the same as if Hayes had not stolen the Presidency.

The Vicksburg Herald says "all the strife" in the Democratic party in Mississippi "hangs on and revolves around" the U. S. Senatorial election of next January. Well, we will declare! I thought that "all the strife" hung around and revolved around the "persistent efforts" of the Herald to divide the Democratic party and transfer the people of Mississippi to the National Republican party.

NEWS IN GENERAL.

At Sitting Springs, Ingo county, California, three men, two white and one Chinese, were murdered while asleep in a cabin by unknown parties.

Among the names of prominent Methodist ministers mentioned for the biographic material by the death of Bishop Dogett, are Rev. Dr. John C. Granberry, professor at the Vanderbilt University; Rev. Dr. A. G. Haygood, of Macon, editor of the Methodist, and president of the Emory College; Rev. Dr. J. W. Wilson, missionary Secretary of the church.

John Maters, Jr., broker, in New Orleans has failed; liabilities \$117,816, assets \$37,387. The Boston Postman reports the death and death of James T. Fields, the veteran publisher of the Atlantic Monthly, who passed away while his wife was reading to him.

A temperance movement is on foot in Texas. In many towns and villages all the saloons and drunks have been knocked off whiskey and are taking shelter for their nerves. This exchange of the bartender for the druggist is encouraged by the ladies.

The old home of Lincoln was recently torn down at Springfield. A boy bought all the shingles for a dollar, and with a scroll saw, is turning them into ornamental mementos which he easily sells at from 50 cents to \$1 each.

The disciples of nihilism professedly despise both the marriage tie and all those domestic sentiments which customarily characterize the relations between the sexes. They are, however, connected by the ties of matrimony, and have brought up in reduced society, was living as Hartman's wife when she gave the signal for the attempt to blow up the imperial train at Moscow. She returned but recently from abroad to take to active part in the revolution, and on arrival immediately joined Jelliffe, the chief conspirator, and lived with him as his wife till the moment of his arrest.

The conversion of the very Rev. F. J. Jansen, Vicar General of the Diocese of Richmond, Bishop of Nashville, who is now in Richmond, Va., on the 1st with imposing ceremonies.

The trial of Capt. S. W. Thomas, at Shreveport, who killed M. Hough Dickson, his brother-in-law, for reducing his daughter, resulted in a verdict of manslaughter, with a recommendation to the lightest punishment under the law. It is supposed the Governor will be immediately petitioned to pardon him.

A meeting assembled at Jefferson, Texas, on the 28th to discuss the propriety of organizing a railway company to construct a road from that city to Memphis.

Near Weimar, Texas, on the 29th inst., Samuel Brown, while laboring under temporary aberration of mind, cut his wife's throat and then his own. She was a native of the State. A little nine-year-old daughter attempted to take the razor from him and had her hand badly cut.

J. W. Avery & Co., wholesale grocers, assigned this morning. Liabilities \$21,000, assets nominally \$25,000. H. Dow is named as assignee. The creditors are principally merchants of Memphis.

The trial of Hayes White, assassin of Sheriff Beattie, ended at Marion, Arkansas, on the 3d. He is to be hung.

The Democrats have carried Selma, Alabama, and St. Paul, Minnesota.

STAR SERVICE CORRUPTION.

FACTS AND FIGURES IN GEN. BRADY'S RECORD.

The Enormous Profits of the Star Ring.

NEARLY \$3,000,000.

A Shameful Exhibit of Corruption in Official Life.

Special to New York Times.]

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The result of the lost heat between a Democratic Congress and the fraudulent and rapacious administration of Hayes is seen in the postoffice thieves. For two years the money furnishing department of the government was in the hands of Democrats, and yet we behold the sad spectacle of a Republican administration bringing to light frauds that ought to have been detected by a Democratic Congress.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch suggests Grant for Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate in place of Riddleberg. That might do very well for Emeritus until something else turned up, but we hardly think it would fill "the measure of justice" which the Vicksburg Herald presented him.